[English]

Linking of Broad Gauge Line, Bhiwadi

1463 SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to install a new Broad gauge line from Bhiwadi to link it with Jaipur-Delhi-Ahmedabad Broad Gauge line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action contemplated by the Union Government to finalise the same, and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard and the time by which the work on this project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) A survey for the proposed line from Khurja-Palwal-Rewari-Rohtak line via Bhiwadi which would link Bhiwadi to Delhi-Ahmedabad line at Rewari has been completed. The report would be sent to Planning Commission once the project appraisal has been completed.

[Translation]

Telephone Facility at Purniya Station

1464 SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the telephone facility to get information regarding arrival and departure of train and reservations at Purniya Junction and Purniya Court station is not available;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide this facility on the above stations;

(c) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be provided; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF S TATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) A P & T phone for the purpose of enquiry is already available at Purniya station. However, there is no justification to provide this facility at Purniya Court station.

Reservation for SCs/STs in Railways

1465 SHRI K.D SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lying vacant in the Ministry of Railways; and

(b) the action being taken to fill them up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) As per Department of Personnel and Training's directives a Special Recruitment Drive had been launched during the year 1995 to wipe out the shortfall of vacancies reserved for SC/STs existing on 1.4.95 through direct recruitment. The shortfall identified in the Special Recruitment Drive as on 1.4.95 vis-a-vis cleared as on 31.3.96 and balance of shortfall is detailed below :-

Particular	Group 'C'		Group 'D'	
	SC	ST	SC	ST
Identified as on 1.4.95 for filling up by direct recruitment	361	431	528	990
Cleared as on 31.3.96	306	324	58	808
Balance of shortfall	55	107	470	182

For clearing the balance shortfall and the shortfall as on 30.6.96 another Special Recruitment Drive has been launched from 15.7.96 to be completed by 31.3.97.

[English]

Out Agency

1466 SHRI G.M BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Out Agency for Kuttipuram Station at Ponnani (Southern Railway, District Malappuram) is not functioning;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to re-start the agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Out Agency at Ponnani was closed w.e.f. 7.6.96 temporarily as the Contractor of this agency had abandoned it without any prior notice. However, the Southern Railway administration is taking steps to restart the agency through calling of fresh tenders.

[Translatin]

Railway Colony Danapur

1467 SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether for the want of repair of quarters the Railway Colony of Danapur is in a bad shape;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to maintain these quarters properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir. The railway quarters in Danapur area are periodically maintained.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Rail Link in Tribal Areas

1468. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the tribal areas of the country are connected by the Railway Line;

(b) if not, whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) whether tribal district Banswada in Rajasthan is connected by the Railway line; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to connect all the tribal districts in the country by the railway line especially Banswada district of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). No, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

[English]

Doubling of Railway line from Surat to Bhusaval

1469. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Ministry of doubling of the railway line from Surat to Bhusaval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time schedule for the completion of each project in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, a survey for doubling of part section from Amalner to Nardana on this line has been taken up. Further consideration will be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Modernisation of Railway Stations in Assam

1470. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of railway stations in Assam modernised during each of the last three years;

(b) the names of railway stations in the State, where modernisation work is in progress;

(c) whether a few more railway stations in the State have been selected for modernisation during the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Rangiya, Guwahati, Lumding, Gosaigaonhut, Silchar and New Bongaigaon railway stations were modernised during the last three years.

(b) Guwahati.

(c) to (e). Works of provision of new station building at Tinsukia and remodelling of station building at Rangiya have been taken up and are expected to be completed during 1997-98 subject to availability of adequate funds.

Environment Damage due to Slaughter Houses

1471. SHRI JAG MOHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether careless throwing of animal carcasses an untreated blood all around in the open by the slaughter houses near the airports has been causing damage to the aircrafts and environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of authorised and unauthorised slaughter houses in the country, State-wise, and

(c) the effective action/measures taken by the Central and State Pollution Control Boards in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The uncontrolled throwing of animal carcasses and untreated blood by the slaughter houses all around in the open near the airports attract scavenger birds which could cause damage to the aircrafts due to bird hit as well as create unhygenic conditions and pollution problems.

State-wise number of authorized slaughter houses is given in the enclosed. No data is available on unauthorized slaughter houses.

(c) The responsibility of proper management of slaughter houses mainly rests with the municipal corporations/committees and other local bodies. However, in order to reduce the menace caused by the slaughter houses, the Central Pollution Control Board has taken the following measures :

- A comprehensive industry document on slaughter houses, meat and sea-food process has been prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board to serve as guidelines.